Why We Go Through Suffering Part 1

Where does Suffering Comes From

Suffering came as a result of the first sin commited by Adam & Eve.

God told Eve :

(Genesis 3:16) To the woman He said, "I will greatly multiply Your pain in childbirth, In pain you will bring forth children; Yet your desire will be for your husband, And he will rule over you." (NAS95)

God told Adam :

(Genesis 3:17-19) Then to Adam He said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat from it'; Cursed is the ground because of you; In toil you will eat of it All the days of your life. "Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; And you will eat the plants of the field; By the sweat of your face You will eat bread, Till you return to the ground, Because from it you were taken; For you are dust, And to dust you shall return." (NAS95)

Adam and Eve ate from the forbiden Fruit which God told them not to eat from :

(Genesis 2:17) but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die." (NAS95)

So the Devil came to Adam and Eve as a serpent and convince them that They needed to eat of that fruit to be like God. Having perfect knowledge. In Eve desire to know more and be like God they ate of the Tree which God told them not to eat from.

(Genesis 3:1-6) Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.'" The serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die! "For God

knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate. (NAS95)

Suffering and Shame came into the world. Before I continue I want to state that suffering for the christian is not all bad, it is the means that is use by God for the christian spiritaul growth. Which we will see later on in a other article . As well it was the means that God used in Jesus being on the cross to redeem us from our sins .

The First suffering they (Adam & Eve) was to wittness a animal having to die for them. They needed clothing for before they commited sin they had no shame of thier nakedness but once sin came shame came with it. So a animal needed to die for them who was innocent.

(Genesis 2:25) And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed. (NAS95)

(Genesis 3:7-11) Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings. They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. Then the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself." And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" (NAS95)

(Genesis 3:21) The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them. (NAS95)

A foreshadowing of Jesus righteousness being on the Christian threw his suffering.

The second suffering They had to wittness was being thrown out of the Garden of Eden.

(Genesis 3:22-24) Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might stretch out his hand, and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever" -- therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden, to cultivate the ground from which he was taken. So He drove the man out; and at the east of the garden of Eden He stationed the cherubim and the flaming sword which turned every direction to guard the way to the tree of life. (NAS95)

The third suffering was Eve having child birth pains .Not many years pass when Adam and Eve wittness the birth of there two sons . Cain and Abel in Chapter 4 of Genesis.

(Genesis 4:1-2) Now the man had relations with his wife Eve, and she conceived and gave birth to Cain, and she said, "I have gotten a manchild with the help of the LORD." Again, she gave birth to his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of flocks, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. (NAS95)

As These two sons was to became adults. The fourth Suffering was on its way with the death of Abel thier son by the hands of his brother Cain. .

(Genesis 4:8) Cain told Abel his brother. And it came about when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him. (NAS95)

Since the fall the ground was Curse by God . And in God cursing the ground we see every thing was

effected by that curse to bring about suffering and death upon all.

(Genesis 3:17) Then to Adam He said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat from it'; Cursed is the ground because of you; In toil you will eat of it All the days of your life. (NAS95)

1) Vegetation was curse by that curse .

(Genesis 3:18) "Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; And you will eat the plants of the field; (NAS95)

Fruits, vegetables, Trees , flowers and all kind of plants came from the ground.

(Genesis 1:10-13) God called the dry land earth, and the gathering of the waters He called seas; and God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit after their kind with seed in them"; and it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed after their kind, and trees bearing fruit with seed in them, after their kind; and God saw that it was good. There was evening and there was morning, a third day. (NAS95)

2) Mankind and animals was curse because They came from the ground.

(Genesis 2:7) Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being. (NAS95)

And of Course if the man was cursed so was the women for she was taken from the man's rib who was cursed.

(Genesis 2:22) The LORD God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man. (NAS95)

All the animals were curse from the fishes who swim , land animals to the birds that fly all came from the ground.

(Genesis 2:19) Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the sky, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name. (NAS95)

3) The Sky and Seas was curse do to their connection with the ground .

(Genesis 1:6-8) Then God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." God made the expanse, and separated the waters which were below the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse; and it was so. God called the expanse heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day. (NAS95)

(Genesis 1:9) Then God said, "Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so. (NAS95)

Will Suffering have an End

The Bible tells us that all suffering will have an end for the Christian but not for everybody.

If you not a christian you have no excape of enternal sufffering after you die.

(Isaiah 66:24) "Then they will go forth and look On the corpses of the men Who have transgressed against Me. For their worm will not die And their fire will not be quenched; And they will be an abhorrence to all mankind." (NAS95)

Mt 8:12 but the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Mt 13:42 and will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

(Matthew 18:34-35) "And his lord, moved with anger, handed him over to the torturers until he should repay all that was owed him. "My heavenly Father will also do the same to you, if each of you does not forgive his brother from your heart." (NAS95)

(Matthew 25:46) "These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." (NAS95)

When Jesus Comes to earth the second Time all true believers will recieve a glorified body .

The body which we will recieve will be our own body but in a glordied state which will not get sick , die or sin.

(Philippians 3:20-21) For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself. (NAS95)

(1 Corinthians 15:50-55) Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality. But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, "DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP in victory. "O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?" (NAS95)

(1 Thessalonians 4:13-18) But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words. (NAS95)

(1 John 3:1-3) See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure. (NAS95)

There is a Promise in scripture that one day God would take all the christians suffering and tears away.

(Isaiah 25:8) He will swallow up death for all time, And the Lord GOD will wipe tears away from all faces, And He will remove the reproach of His people from all the earth; For the LORD has spoken. (NAS95)

Re 7:17 for the Lamb in the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life; and God will wipe every tear from their eyes."

Re 21:4 and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."(NAS95)

Even the animals will get along

(Isaiah 11:6-8) And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, And the leopard will lie down with the young goat, And the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little boy will lead them. Also the cow and the bear will graze, Their young will lie down together, And the lion will eat straw like the ox. The nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, And the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den. (NAS95)

(Isaiah 65:25) "The wolf and the lamb will graze together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox; and dust will be the serpent's food. They will do no evil or harm in all My holy mountain," says the LORD. (NAS95)

There will be a New Earth and Heaven

Isa 65:17 ¶ "For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former things will not be remembered or come to mind.

Isa 66:22 "For just as the new heavens and the new earth Which I make will endure before Me," declares the LORD, "So your offspring and your name will endure.(NAS95)

(2 Peter 3:13) But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells. (NAS95)

(Revelation 21:1) Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea. (NAS95)

With a New Heaven and New Earth comes a New Name For Us & Even God

This New Name is not known to us now but it will be when that time comes.

Isa 62:2 The nations will see your righteousness, And all kings your glory; And you will be called by a new name Which the mouth of the LORD will designate.(NAS95)

Isa 65:15 "You will leave your name for a curse to My chosen ones, And the Lord GOD will slay you. But My servants will be called by another name .

(NAS95)

Re 2:17 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, to him I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, and a new name written on the stone which no one knows but he who receives it.'

Re 3:12 'He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he will not go out from it anymore; and I will write on him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God, and My new name. (NAS95)

This New Name of God will be on our foreheads

While being here on earth it is hard to have God always on your mind. The Things of this earth draws us but not in the future. God will always be in our hearts and mind so we could love and serve him more than ever.

Re 14:1 ¶ Then I looked, and behold, the Lamb was standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads.

Re 22:4 they will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads.(NAS95)

Jesus with the Father will rule Forever

(Luke 1:32-33) "He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end." (NAS95)

(Isaiah 11:1-4) Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, And a branch from his roots will bear fruit. The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him, The spirit of wisdom and understanding, The spirit of counsel and strength, The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. And He will delight in the fear of the LORD, And He will not judge by what His eyes see, Nor make a decision by what His ears hear; But with righteousness He will judge the poor, And decide with fairness for the afflicted of the earth; And He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked. (NAS95)

The David mention in the following passages is Jesus and not David the father of Solomon through David will be alive with the rest of believers, he is not the one in referreance here.

(Ezekiel 34:23-24) "Then I will set over them one shepherd, My servant David, and he will feed them; he will feed them himself and be their shepherd. "And I, the LORD, will be their God, and My servant David will be prince among them; I the LORD have spoken. (NAS95)

(Ezekiel 37:24-25) "My servant David will be king over them, and they will all have one shepherd; and they will walk in My ordinances and keep My statutes and observe them. "They will live on the land that I gave to Jacob My servant, in which your fathers lived; and they will live on it, they, and their sons and their sons' sons, forever; and David My servant will be their prince forever. (NAS95)

Jer 23:5 "Behold, the days are coming," declares the LORD, "When I will raise up for David a righteous Branch; And He will reign as king and act wisely And do justice and righteousness in the land.

Jer 30:9 'But they shall serve the LORD their God and David their king, whom I will raise up for them.

(Hosea 3:5) Afterward the sons of Israel will return and seek the LORD their God and David their king; and they will come trembling to the LORD and to His goodness in the last days. (NAS95)

No Night , No Moon , No Sun, No Earthly Temple Because Jesus and the Father will be our light and Temple of worship

Re 21:25 In the daytime (for there will be no night there) its gates will never be closed;

Re 22:5 And there will no longer be any night; and they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illumine them; and they will reign forever and ever. (NAS95)

Re 21:23 And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb.(NAS95)

Re 21:22 I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.(NAS95)

One Can say the the Future that awaits us will be one without suffering and the suffering that we go threw in this life can not be compare with the blessings and joys we will recieve in the New Heaven and Earth when that time comes.

(2 Corinthians 4:16-18) Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal. (NAS95)

Why Do the Christians go threw Suffering

There are many reasons why God allows suffering in the life of the Christian here are some.

1) If Christ Jesus who is our example suffer who was sinless why not we.

(1 Thessalonians 1:6) You also became imitators of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much tribulation with the joy of the Holy Spirit, (NAS95)

(Hebrews 12:2-4) fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin; (NAS95)

1Pe 2:21 For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps,(NAS95)

2) Suffering Shows Us We are God's Children and that he loves us

(Hebrews 12:5-8) and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons, "MY SON, DO NOT REGARD LIGHTLY THE DISCIPLINE OF THE LORD, NOR FAINT WHEN YOU ARE REPROVED BY HIM; FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES, AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES." It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. (NAS95)

3) Suffering Brings us Holiness

(Hebrews 12:9-11) Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness. All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness. (NAS95)

4) Suffering identify us with Christ

(Philippians 3:10) that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; (NAS95)

5) Suffering Makes us Worthy of Heaven

(2 Thessalonians 1:4-6) therefore, we ourselves speak proudly of you among the churches of God for your perseverance and faith in the midst of all your persecutions and afflictions which you endure. This is a plain indication of God's righteous judgment so that you will be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which indeed you are suffering. For after all it is only just for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you, (NAS95)

5) Suffering is God's means of bring us to Heaven, if we do not get sick and suffer , how can we die and go to heaven . We have to die of something.

Ps 116:15 Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints. (KJV)

That word precious in the Hebrew is yaqar yaw-kawr' and means costly , excellent, brightness , honourable, valuable, prized, weighty, rare, splendid,) precious, highly valued , precious stones or jewels , glorious, splendid, weighty, influential . All this is to God when his Saints die . And Suffering is What tries the precious stone of Death of the Christians and displays God's Glory in glimpses to all those who are around.

6) Suffering keeps us from being to attached to the things of the world,

(1 Timothy 6:17) Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy. (NAS95)

7) It brings us Patience .

James 1:3 Knowing the Testing of your Faith produces endurance. (NAS95)

How Can one know if he has Patience? It needs to be tested in the fire of suffering to know one has it.

(Romans 5:3-5) And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us. (NAS95)

God has Given Us Example of The Blessings of Suffering

If one had to choose of one Person who went threw it all in the school of Suffering it must be the man named Job. For James states about him.

Jas 5:11 We count those blessed who endured. You have heard of the endurance of Job and have seen the outcome of the Lord's dealings, that the Lord is full of compassion and is merciful.(NAS95)

And Maybe Paul had Job in Mind when he mention : (Romans 8:28) And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. (NKJV)

God gave permision for the devil to take Job's family and all that belong to him away.

(Job 1:10-12) "Have You not made a hedge about him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. "But put forth Your hand now and touch all that he has; he will surely curse You to Your face." Then the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your power, only do not put forth your hand on him." So Satan departed from the presence of the LORD. (NAS95)

God also gave him Permision to give him a very bad illness.

(Job 2:4-8) Satan answered the LORD and said, "Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man has he will give for his life. "However, put forth Your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh; he will curse You to Your face." So the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, he is in your power, only spare his life." Then Satan went out from the presence of the LORD and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. And he took a potsherd to scrape himself while he was sitting among the ashes. (NAS95)

Job did not give the Devil credit for his loss or his illness but understood that it was God behind everything that happen to him. Instead of Geting mad and blaming God or cursing at him he drew closer to God .

(Job 1:20-22) Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head, and he fell to the ground and worshiped. He said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked I shall return there. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away. Blessed be the name of the LORD." Through all this Job did not sin nor did he blame God. (NAS95)

(Job 2:9-10) Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die!" But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. Shall we indeed accept good from God and not accept adversity?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips. (NAS95)

It was needful for this man to go threw all he went threw because Job did not see the sin of Pride that was on him. His three friends pay him a visit . And at first they share in his sufferings as they should then they start accusing him of hidden sin. Which Job did not do .But as Job speaks with them one can tell the pridness he had even through he was not in sin . Close to the end of the book Job notices his pride , empty talk of things he said about God which he did not understand and repents .

(Job 40:3-5) Then Job answered the LORD and said: "Behold, I am vile; What shall I answer You? I lay my hand over my mouth. Once I have spoken, but I will not answer; Yes, twice, but I will proceed no further." (NKJV)

(Job 42:1-6) Then Job answered the LORD and said, "I know that You can do all things, And that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted. 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' "Therefore I have declared that which I did not understand, Things too wonderful for me, which I did not know."

'Hear, now, and I will speak; I will ask You, and You instruct me.' "I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear; But now my eye sees You; Therefore I retract, And I repent in dust and ashes." (NAS95)

This Man Job lost everything and recieve double of all he had in the end.

(Job 42:10) The LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he prayed for his friends, and the LORD increased all that Job had twofold. (NAS95)

It is believed by many that this man was not a Jew but from Edom yet his book was found among the writings of the Hebrew Scriptures . The Jews state that Moses wrote this Book . But many Scholars state this Book was written around the time of Abraham , Issac and Jacob. In the Greek Verson of the Book named the Septuagint written aroun 250BC it states that Job was from Edom.

[LXXE] Job 42:17 And Job died, an old man and full of days: and it is written that he will rise again with those whom the Lord raises up. This man is described in the Syriac book as living in the land of Ausis, on the borders of Idumea and Arabia: and his name before was Jobab; and having taken an Arabian wife, he begot a son whose name was Ennon. And he himself was the son of his father Zare, one of the sons of Esau, and of his mother Bosorrha, so that he was the fifth from Abraam. And these were the kings who reigned in Edom, which country he also ruled over: first, Balac, the son of Beor, and the name of his city was Dennaba: but after Balac, Jobab, who is called Job, and after him Asom, who was governor out of the country of Thaeman: and after him Adad, the son of Barad, who destroyed Madiam in the plain of Moab; and the name of his city was Gethaim. And his friends who came to him were Eliphaz, of the children of Esau, king of the Thaemanites, Baldad son of the Sauchaeans, Sophar king of the Minaeans.

Why We Go Through Suffering Part 3

False Teachings on Suffering

One Can not watch TBN or any so Call Christian TV Channel without seeing at least one preaching on that it is not God's will for the christian to suffer. And if you suffer you are lacking faith . So if you send so much money God will bless you and you won't have to suffer anymore.

All threw scripture we are told that we as Christians, we have to suffer. Take a look at these

passages .

(Acts 5:41) So they went on their way from the presence of the Council, rejoicing that they had been considered worthy to suffer shame for His name. (NAS95)

Ac 14:22 strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying, "Through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God."

(2 Corinthians 12:10) Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong. (NAS95)

(Philippians 1:29) For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake, (NAS95)

(Philippians 3:10) that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; (NAS95)

(2 Timothy 2:3) Suffer hardship with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. (NAS95)

(2 Timothy 2:12) If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us: (KJV)

(James 1:2) Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, (NAS95)

1Pe 3:14 But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed. AND DO NOT FEAR THEIR INTIMIDATION, AND DO NOT BE TROUBLED,

(1 Peter 4:1-2) Therefore, since Christ has suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same purpose, because he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, so as to live the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. (NAS95)

(1 Peter 4:14-16) If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a troublesome meddler; but if anyone suffers as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in this name. (NAS95)

(Revelation 1:9) I, John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and perseverance which are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. (NAS95)

Some False Teachers also like to teach and say if you are going threw something is because you are in a hidden sin. All these views are wrong . Since the fall of man is ordian to suffer threw things but it is a great blessing which we have ,if we are saved and are going threw our suffering with the Blessed Trinity Father , Son , & The Holy Spirit. In Genesis one sees Joseph going threw one thing after a other but one also see that God was with him.

Ge 39:3 Now his master saw that the LORD was with him and how the LORD caused all that he did to prosper in his hand.

Ge 39:21 But the LORD was with Joseph and extended kindness to him, and gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer.

Ge 39:23 The chief jailer did not supervise anything under Joseph's charge because the LORD was with him; and whatever he did, the LORD made to prosper.

God does not leave us in our suffering but sometimes we don't see him because we let our tears and suffering in the middle seeing God . God suffers with us for the scripture tells us :

(Isaiah 63:9) In all their affliction He was afflicted, And the angel of His presence saved them; In His love and in His mercy He redeemed them, And He lifted them and carried them all the days of old. (NAS95)

(Judges 10:16) So they put away the foreign gods from among them and served the LORD; and He could bear the misery of Israel no longer. (NAS95)

Remember when Saul was persecuting the church and what Jesus told Saul.

(Acts 9:1-4) Now Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest, and asked for letters from him to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, both men and women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. As he was traveling, it happened that he was approaching Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him; and he fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" (NAS95)

You persecute the church , you persecute Jesus . If we suffer remember he suffers too. So we are not alone in our sufferings the blessed three in one God is with us.

Quotes on Suffering

I just disire to quote Some Godly men and what they had say on Suffering :

Luther, Martin (1483-1546) stated {"There is in the Holy Scripture a wisdom so profound, that no man may thoroughly study it or comprehend it. "Ay," said Luther, "we must ever remain scholars here; we cannot sound the depth of one single verse in Scripture; we get hold but of the A, B, C, and that imperfectly. Who can so exalt himself as to compre- hend this one line of St Peter: `Rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings.' Here St Peter would have us rejoice in our deepest misery and trouble, like as a child kisses the rod."}

{"Is it not a wonder beyond all wonders, that the Son of God, whom all angels and the heavenly hosts worship, and at whose presence the whole earth quakes and trembles, should have stood among those wicked wretches, and suffered himself to be so lamentably tormented, scorned, derided, and condemned? They spat in his face, struck him in the mouth with a reed, and said: O, he is a king, he must have a crown and a sceptre. The sweet blessed Saviour complains not in vain in

the Psalm, Diminuerunt omnia ossa mea: now, it he suffered so much from the rage of men, what must he have felt when God's wrath was poured out upon him without measure? as St Mark says: "He began to be sore amazed, and very heavy, and saith unto his disciples, My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death:" and St Luke says: "And being in an agony, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground." Ah! our suffering is not worthy the name of suffering. When I consider my crosses, tribulations, and temptations, I shame myself almost to death, thinking what are they in comparison of the sufferings of my blessed Saviour Christ Jesus. And yet we must be conformable to the express image of the Son of God. And what if we were conformable to the same, yet were it nothing. He is the Son of God, we are poor creatures; though we should suffer everlasting death, yet were they of no value."}

John Calvin (1509-1564) states {"Philippians 1:29

To believe. He wisely conjoins faith with the cross by an inseparable connection, that the Philippians may know that they have been called to the faith of Christ on this condition - that they endure persecutions on his account, as though he had said that their adoption can no more be separated from the cross, than Christ can be torn asunder from himself. Here Paul clearly testifies, that faith, as well as constancy in enduring persecutions, is an unmerited gift of God. And certainly the knowledge of God is a wisdom that is too high for our attaining it by our own acuteness, and our weakness shews itself in daily instances in our own experience, when God withdraws his hand for a little while. That he may intimate the more distinctly that both are unmerited, he says expressly - for Christ's sake, or at least that they are given to us on the ground of Christ's grace; by which he excludes every idea of merit.

This passage is also at variance with the doctrine of the schoolmen, in maintaining that gifts of grace latterly conferred are rewards of our merit, on the ground of our having made a right use of those which had been previously bestowed. I do not deny, indeed, that God rewards the right use of his gifts of grace by bestowing grace more largely upon us, provided only you do not place merit, as they do, in opposition to his unmerited liberality and the merit of Christ. "}

MATTHEW HENRY (1662-1714)

{"Affliction appears to be the guide to reflection; the teacher of humility; the parent of repentance; the nurse of faith; the strengthener of patience, and the promoter of charity. Extraordinary afflictions are not always the punishment of extraordinary sins, but sometimes the trial of extraordinary graces. "}

CHARLES H. SPURGEON (1834 -1892)

{"There are no crown-wearers in heaven that were not cross-bearers here below."}

{"As sure as God puts his children in the furnace, he will be in the furnace with them. "}

Moody, Dwight Lyman (1837-1899)

{" The only man who ever suffered before Christ was that servant who had his ear cut off. But most likely in a moment afterward he had it on, and very likely it was a better ear than ever, because whatever the Lord does He does it well No man ever lost his life with Him."}